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West Valley City Mayor Named “Best of State”

West Valley City – This week West Valley City Mayor Mike Winder was recognized as the top mayor in the state of Utah as the 2011 “Best of State” recognitions were announced. “Few elected officials have worked harder or more unselfishly to improve the quality of life in Salt Lake County than Mayor Winder,” said Eleanor Muth, Chairperson of the Best of State National Advisory Board.

“I consider this a tribute not to me individually, but to the many great things going on in West Valley City right now,” said Mayor Winder. “We really have an amazing city that is turning things around, and it is certainly a team effort with a great staff, great residents, great businesses and a great City Council.”

Mayor Winder is currently serving as president of the Utah League of Cities and Towns and was also recently recognized for his leadership by *Salt Lake City Weekly* in their “Best of Utah 2011” edition. He has championed economic development and redeveloping the Valley Fair Mall, afterschool programs, an English Language Initiative, anti-discrimination ordinances, and a Transparent Government Standard. He will receive his “Best of State” medal at the awards gala June 4.

The Best of State Awards were created to recognize outstanding individuals, organizations and businesses in Utah. Winners are judged on their achievement in their field, innovation and creativity, and their contribution to their quality of life in Utah. Other West Valley City residents and businesses recognized this year as “Best of State” include:

- Hale Centre Theatre (Best Theater Group & Best Arts in Education)
- Brian K. Baity (Best Carving, Visual Arts)
- Joyce Sibbett, Dancing Moose Montessori School (Best School Administrator)
- USANA Health Sciences (Best Dietary Supplements & Best Health/Nutrition Beverage & Best Personal Care Products/Cosmetics)
- Backcountry.com (Best Sports & Recreation Products)

For a full list of this year’s winners visit: <http://www.bestofstate.org/winners2011.html>

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